



Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting Room
Stuart, FL 34994

Members Present

Lorie Shekailo-Chair
Laurie Gaylord-Vice-Chair
Nancy Kline
Dr. Sara A. Wilcox, Superintendent
Dan Harrell, on behalf of Tom Elfers, School Board Attorney
Kristin Conrad, Student Representative (JBHS)

Members Absent

Dr. David Anderson
Susan Hershey
Tom Elfers, School Board Attorney

Staff Present

Hank Salzler, Ruth Pietruszewski, Dr. Joyce Holmes, Darrell Miller, Darla Miloszewski-Roddy, Gail Williams, Dr. Frank Raffone, Julie Sessa, Cathy Brennan, Kerry Lewis, Linda King, Debbie Vanover, Loreen Francescani, Ivy Menken, John Klatt, Robyn Vonover, Mary Alice Stewart, Stella Boland, Mary Alice Stewart, Garrett Grabowski

Public

Gail Schneider, Joe Carr, Sharon Merchant, Dan Noel

Press

PBPost –Mike Bender

Stuart News – Kelly Tyko

MCEA – Jeanette Phillips

AFSCME – No Representation

Call to Order by the Chairman and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

1. Adoption of the Agenda:*

A. Additions, Deletions or Amendments to the Agenda

None

B. Approval of the Agenda

Laurie Gaylord moved approval of the agenda, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

2. Approval of the Minutes:*

Nancy Kline moved approval of the 12/6/05 Regular School Board Meeting minutes, the 12/12/05 Joint Meeting between the Martin County Board of County Commissioners, Martin County School District, and the City of Stuart minutes, and the 12/16/05 Special School Board Meeting minutes and Impact Fee Workshop minutes, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Recognitions:*

A. Recognize Warfield Elementary School and Staff as a Florida Title I Distinguished School, Sustained Gains Category

Dr. Frank Raffone informed Board members that Warfield Elementary was one of five elementary schools in the state of Florida recognized as a Florida Title I Distinguished Award for sustained achievement. The prestigious award recognizes Title I schools that have maintained a high level of student achievement. Warfield has been an A school under the Florida A+ plan for two consecutive years, in addition the school has also achieved adequately yearly progress (AYP) under the federal No Child Left Behind since it was enacted. Sixty-five per cent of students at Warfield are learning English as a second or third language. Superintendent Wilcox, Lorie Shekailo, and Loreen Francescani came forward to present the awards.

Lorie Shekailo extended a message from Sue Hershey. Sue's father passed away before the holidays. Today was his memorial service, and she was with her family.

Laurie Gaylord announced that the district had lost someone very special, Peggy Boger. The number overflowing the room at her memorial service was a tribute to such a special woman and showed how very near and dear she was to the hearts of many. Her smile, kind words, commitment, dedication, and motivation will be missed, but not forgotten. The Board remembered her with a moment of silence.

4. Presentations:*

A. Overview of Substance Abuse Programs

Dr. Frank Raffone introduced Robyn Vanover, the Drug Free Schools Coordinator. Robyn passed out handouts and prepared a PowerPoint presentation. Robyn stated that the district had been fortunate to receive grants that have allowed implementation of a variety of programs throughout the County. The district participates with the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey. County level data is received every two years. Robyn reviewed statistics and discussed risk factors. The last data received was from 2004. She talked about raising the level of awareness on parent attitude through “Parents Who Host Lose the Most”. The law is specific about allowing minors to use alcohol in the home. She talked about the instructional programs that are in place, and the ones that were added. Project Northland has been identified as delaying the age at which young people begin drinking. This program has had proven success. The Martin County Board of County Commissioners, along with Children’s Services Council and the School Board of Martin County, will collaborate on two full-time community positions. One of those positions will work directly with the MCSD Project Northland students. Project Northland allows for a community component that will help students put into action what they learn in the classroom and will contribute to community prevention. The other full-time person will work strictly with community prevention. She explained that the Reconnecting Youth Program, funded through DCF for five years, licensed SFHS and MCHS as prevention centers and targets at-risk youth demonstrating symptoms. The program includes peer counseling. The funding does not allow enough money to add JBHS, therefore; the district continues to search for more funding. Alcohol EDU, a new program funded by the Department of Transportation, was added last year. It is an internet based course, and 1192 students have completed it. Donna Hosang developed the evaluation tool to justify the program. Instruction includes information related to alcohol and drugs effects on the brain and decision making strategies. WiseSkills is the character education curriculum that was identified three years ago. Robyn stated that the program was chosen primarily because it is consistent with the six pillars of Character Counts and involves all educators, serving K-12. The newest program is the Discovery Health Connection, an online health and prevention resource funded through the Florida Department of Education. The program is very grade specific. Robyn discussed student activities, parent, and community involvement. She explained that “Parents Who Host Lose the Most” came out of the Shared Services Network, a strong prevention task force with full community support and participation increasing protective factors. Robyn wrapped up the presentation by reviewing the available resources. Nancy Kline requested that drinking and boating be added to the list to raise awareness, since we live in a marine area. Robyn stated that she would work on raising the level of awareness on drinking and boating.

5. Open to the Public:*

- Gail Schneider requested to pass. She felt that one of the agenda items would answer her question. Lorie Shekailo told her that if her question was not answered, she would not have another opportunity to speak tonight. Gail requested information on School Choice. Lorie Shekailo told her a meeting on that item would be at 2:00 p.m. next week. Dr. Sara A. Wilcox told her to see Mr. Salzler for back-up and supporting documentation that would outline the recommendations that will be presented to the Board for approval on School Choice at that meeting
- Joe Carr, Sr., Project Graduation Foundation Inc., Chairperson, presented an update to make the community aware of the Not for Profit organization. (COPY ATTACHED) He reported they had just established an endowment fund for the benefit of project graduation. A big Kick-Off is planned. Citizens will be able to go to any branch of First National Bank to make a donation. The corporation supports a drug and alcohol-free graduation night event for high school seniors in Martin County. The purpose of project graduation is to allow graduates to celebrate and have a tremendous time without the influence of alcohol and drugs.

6. Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda:* **None**

7. Approve Consent Agenda:*

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox expressed her excitement for the establishment of an Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at Jensen Beach High School. She portrayed how the students would be taught discipline, leadership, and develop character. The program will be similar to the one at MCHS.

Laurie Gaylord moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. 05/06 FY Attendance Zones:* **None**

B. Requests:*

1. **Use of Facilities:*** (COPY ATTACHED)
2. **Field Trips / Use of Buses / Vehicles:*** (COPY ATTACHED)

C. New Agreements:*

1. **Approve Agreement for the Establishment of an Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at Jensen Beach High School for the 2006/07 School Year** (COPY ATTACHED)

8. CONSENT AGENDA

C. New Agreements:*(Con't)

2. Approve Nursing Contracts to Reflect the Head Start Fiscal Program
Year: Memorandum of Agreement for Nursing Services July 1, 2005 through
December 31, 2005; Memorandum of Agreement for Nursing Services January 1, 2006
through December 31, 2006 (COPY ATTACHED)
3. Approve Amendment to Visiting Nurses Association Agreement
(COPY ATTACHED)

D. Renewal Agreements:*

1. One-Stop Center Cost Sharing Memorandum of Understanding
(COPY ATTACHED)

E. New Grants:*

1. Approve Hewlett Packard Technology for Teaching Grant for Felix A.
Williams Elementary School (4th Grade) for \$30,000 (COPY ATTACHED)
2. Approve Hewlett Packard Technology for Teaching Grant for Murray Middle School
(Science Teachers) for \$30,000 (COPY ATTACHED)

F. Renewal Grants:* None

G. Disposal of Surplus Equipment:*(COPY ATTACHED)

**H. Approve Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2005 and December
12, 2005 (COPY ATTACHED)**

I. Personnel Items:*

1. Schedule of Personnel Recommendations (COPY ATTACHED)
2. Leaves Authorized by the Superintendent
 - a. Professional Leave, Travel, and Per Diem (COPY ATTACHED)
 - b. Professional Leave Only (COPY ATTACHED)
3. Approve Temporary Accounting Personnel for Risk Management-Insurance and
FEMA Recovery (COPY ATTACHED)

9. Items Removed from the Agenda:* None

10. Construction:*

Nancy Kline moved approval of Item 10, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approve Bid and Purchase Order/Contract to Ocean Gate General
Contractors for Hurricane Damage Repairs at South Fork High School
(COPY ATTACHED)
- B. Approve Bid and Purchase Order/Contract to Ocean Gate General
Contractors for Hurricane Damage Remediation at Martin County High School and Stuart
Middle School (COPY ATTACHED)
- C. Approve Final Payment for Ocean Gate Contractors for Hurricane
Remediation at Bessey Creek Elementary, Felix Williams Elementary and Sea Wind
Elementary (COPY ATTACHED)

11. Finance:*

Nancy Kline moved approval of Item 11, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approve Purchase Orders / Contracts (COPY ATTACHED)
- B. Approve Pension Trust Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #06-8701
(COPY ATTACHED)
- C. Approve Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #06-4205 (COPY ATTACHED)
- D. Approve Capital Fund Budget Amendment #06-305 (COPY ATTACHED)
- E. Approve Food Service Fund Budget Amendment #06-4104 (COPY ATTACHED)
- F. Approve General Fund Budget Amendment #06-105- Darla Miloszewski-Roddy
(COPY ATTACHED)
- G. Approve Monthly Financial Statements-December 2005 (COPY ATTACHED)

12. Bid Recommendations:* None

13. Approve Strategic Plan 2003-2006-Year 3:*(COPY ATTACHED)

Nancy Kline moved approval of Item 13, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**14. Approve Updated SCERMP By-Laws as Revised and Signed by the SCERMP Board of Directors on
7/01/05:*(COPY ATTACHED)**

Laurie Gaylord moved approval of Item 14, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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15. Rule Revisions:*

A. Public Hearing on School Board Policy 5330 Administration of Prescription Medicines
(COPY ATTACHED)

Lorie Shekailo called for public comment. No one from the public responded.

Nancy Kline moved approval of Item 15, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

16. Open to the Board:*

Kristin Conrad

Announced that the falcon dedication ceremony today at JBHS went very well. She stated that the statue was beautiful. JBHS's girl's basket ball team currently is ranked number one in the state. The FCAT Tutoring Program at JBHS was started before and after school. The musical "Chicago" will open at MCHS on Friday, January 20th. The (CSD) Committed to Safe Driving press conference would take place on Thursday, January 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the Yarboro Auditorium. Florida Highway Patrol, press members, and leadership students will meet to discuss promoting the MCHS safe driving project. The Russell Holloway Elementary Track Meet will be held at SFHS stadium this Saturday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. SFHS drama students took superiors in solo music, monologue, costume design, and student directed scene. SFHS will hold its annual spring freshmen orientation on March 2nd from 6-8:30 p.m.

Nancy Kline

Stated that she toured the new middle school with Pirtle Construction. She felt that the school was beautiful. She reported she was working with the Education Foundation and hopefully the group would be able to provide some new scholarships. Nancy desires to raise the level of awareness relating to boating and drinking. Robin Vanover will work in conjunction with Nancy to help provide more awareness. Nancy met with Dr. Raffone on strategic planning. She will be attending the FSBA South Florida Consortium meeting being held in Broward County.

Laurie Gaylord

Announced that the Children's Services Council meeting would be next week, and the Head Start Policy Council meeting would also be next week. She toured Hobe Sound Elementary and stated that it was nice to see children in attendance at the school. Laurie commented that the slats from the playground that SFHS refurbished look better than they did before they had been put up. They did a great job and also lined the outline of the butterfly garden. She informed everyone that the butterfly release at HSE would be January 27th at 12:45 p.m.

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox

Followed up on Kristin's announcement on being committed to safe driving. She mentioned that at the Principal's meeting last week, Dr. Raffone's department gave training on Performance Matters. She remarked what an outstanding program it was and described how the software allows teachers and principals to view pertinent data. The program helps to identify students teachers can concentrate on to make a difference for those individuals with the upcoming FCAT. She explained that on the assessment test, all areas should be green before taking the FCAT. She is excited about the prospects the program offers. She went on to explain the great team Robyn Vanover was working with to advocate for increased substance abuse awareness. She said that Robyn will take Nancy Kline's suggestion about boating and alcohol and will take every opportunity to integrate that into the curriculum. She commented that Robyn and her department have been a wonderful asset to the school district. Martin County youth has shown improvement, and Dr. Wilcox hopes they will continue to go in the right direction.

Lorie Shekailo

Thanked Dan Harrell for stepping in for Tom Elfers.

Dan Harrell

Said that it was always an honor to come here. He stated that Martin County was a very special district to him.

Lorie Shekailo

Stated that she firmly supported the Committed to Safe Driving Program, and she wanted the community to know she backed the program. She thanked the Kleinfeld family for donating the falcon sculpture. She felt it was fabulous. She announced that the PTA Reflections participants would be honored on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. at Pinewood. She invited all to the recognition ceremony.

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Lorie Shekailo asked for a motion to adjourn.

Laurie Gaylord made a motion to adjourn the School Board meeting.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Lorie Shekailo adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

VICE- CHAIR (Laurie Gaylord)

SECRETARY (Sara A. Wilcox, Ph.D.)